

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2354

ANSWERED ON:17.08.2006

RAILWAY LINE FROM HALDIBARI TO CHANGRABANDHA LINE

Barman Shri Hiten

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the survey of new railway line from Haldibari to Changrabandha via Mekhliganj has been completed;
- (b) If so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) The expenditure by the Railways on carrying out the survey of the said project; and
- (d) If not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the survey work will be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

- (a) & (b) : No, Sir. However, survey for new line from Haldibari to Mekhliganj has been completed recently as per which cost of construction of 17.20 kms. long line has been assessed as Rs.161.70 crore with rate of return of (-) 5.40%.
- (c) : The total anticipated cost of the survey of new line from Haldibari to Changrabandha is Rs.1.71 lakhs only.
- (d) : Survey for Mekhliganj-Changrabandha has been sanctioned in May, 2006 only. No target has been fixed for the combined survey for Haldibari to Changrabandha new line.